

House Concurrent Resolution 4

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1 1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY SMITH
1 3 (COMPANION TO LSB 1686SS BY RAGAN)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution calling upon Iowans to observe
1 5 Iowa Family Development and Self-Sufficiency Week.
1 6 WHEREAS, the Iowa Family Development and
1 7 Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) program began in 1989,
1 8 following passage of legislation in 1988 to assist
1 9 low-income families participating in the Family
1 10 Investment Program (FIP) to achieve self-sufficiency;
1 11 and
1 12 WHEREAS, more than 40,000 Iowans have participated
1 13 in FaDSS and received developmental services to
1 14 improve their lives; and
1 15 WHEREAS, the families enrolled in FaDSS are
1 16 supported in overcoming multiple barriers that would
1 17 otherwise perpetuate poverty and the success of
1 18 parents in the program has improved their lives and
1 19 the lives of their children; and
1 20 WHEREAS, for each dollar appropriated to FaDSS in
1 21 FY 2005=2006, \$1.39 was returned to the state in the
1 22 form of wages and savings to FIP; and
1 23 WHEREAS, the average monthly income for the
1 24 families enrolled in FaDSS in FY 2004=2005 increased
1 25 by more than 45 percent from the average prior to
1 26 enrollment; and
1 27 WHEREAS, more than 75 percent of the families who
1 28 completed FaDSS in FY 2004=2005 were able to avoid
1 29 reenrolling in FIP one year later; and
1 30 WHEREAS, the causes and conditions of poverty are
2 1 complex and all citizens of Iowa benefit if the state
2 2 can successfully reduce the number of families living
2 3 in poverty; NOW THEREFORE,
2 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
2 5 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly calls
2 6 upon Iowans to observe Iowa Family Development and
2 7 Self-Sufficiency Week, January 15 through 21, 2007,
2 8 with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.
2 9 LSB 1686HH 82
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